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Title

COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN PRODUCTION

OF E1-DELETED ADENOVIRUSES IN ABSENCE OF

REPLICATION COMPETENT ADENOVIRUS

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RESPONSE UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 AND 372

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, which requires restriction of the claims. Please enter the following election of claims as set forth below.

Election begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

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Appl. No. 10/053,194 Response Dated: June 21, 2004 Reply to Office Action of March 23, 2004

ELECTION

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the claims of Group I, which are claims 1-9.